

EVENTS ABROAD.

Twenty People Killed by a Cyclone on the Island of Sicily.

An Account of the Murder of Col. Stewart and His Followers.

ITALY.

A CYCLONE ON THE ISLAND OF SICILY.
ROME, Oct. 8.—Intelligence has been received of a cyclone at Catania on the island of Sicily. Trees were uprooted, houses destroyed, twenty persons killed and fifty injured. Owing to the severity of the cyclone it was impossible to render assistance to the sufferers during its prevalence.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

THE MUDIR OF DONGOLA AIDING THE BRITISH.

CAIRO, Oct. 8.—Advices from Dongola state that the mudir is sending out spies to assist the Nile expedition. Sheiks from Khartoum with 15,000 followers have submitted to the mudir. Sheik Reir advises that a depot be established at Debbah and undertakes to procure camels therefor. Reports current at Dongola that El Mahdi is quelling the rebellion at Jebel-Korti have reached Khartoum and have greatly encouraged the garrison there.

MURDERED BY STRATAGEM.

CAIRO, Oct. 8.—Advices from the Nile state that after the stranding of the steamer on which were Col. Stewart and his men, three natives came on board and stated to Col. Stewart that he was only a short distance from Merowee, which they could easily reach on foot and where they could obtain assistance to float the steamer. They offered to guide them there. Col. Stewart and two companions started for the village, and, when they had traveled out of sight of the steamer, a number of men sprang from ambush and murdered the party, and then returned to the steamer, killing all aboard but four.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

AN ENGAGEMENT IN TONKIN.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Official dispatches from Hanoi to-day state that Col. Denier with two battalions, two companies of infantry and a section of mountain artillery, had an engagement with Chinese troops in the valley of the Loo Chan river which lasted six hours. The Chinese made a stubborn resistance but were finally completely routed. Four gun boats assisted the French forces. Four of the French including the captain were killed, twenty wounded. The forces under Col. Denier continue to advance.

COMMERCE PARALYZED.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Advices from Hong Kong state that business is at a complete standstill and commerce is paralyzed.

THE BOMBARDMENT PROGRESSING.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 8.—The bombardment of Tamsui by the French fleet is still in progress. On the 6th inst. the fleet had destroyed the Chinese forts. The houses of Europeans were riddled with shell, but inhabitants had not suffered any fatal casualties. The Chinese are strongly entrenched.

CHOLERA.

IN ITALY.

ROME, Oct. 8.—The reports of cholera in Italy for the past twenty-four hours give a total of 197 fresh cases and ninety-seven deaths.

A SPANISH PROVINCE.

MADRID, Oct. 8.—Four fresh cases of cholera and four deaths were reported in the province of Alicante during the past twenty-four hours.

CABLE NOTES.

Advices received in London state that the steamship Miramoa from Yokohama for Hong Kong foundered at sea. All on board were lost except two Chinese.

President Grevy has issued a decree granting 50,000 francs for the relief of unemployed workmen.

Edwin Booth, the American tragedian, will commence a series of representations in Berlin in February.

In the third day of the Newmarket second act meeting the race for Middle park plate, two-year-olds, was won by Melton; Naintrallies, second.

Spain has granted France, under a most favored national clause, the same trade privileges in the West Indies as enjoyed by the United States.

WEATHERFORD.

A Party of Shootists Making Ready for a Hunt.

Special to the Gazette.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Oct. 8.—A party of distinguished shootists from this city will join a party from Fort Worth and Wichita Falls on the 9th instant for an extended hunting and fishing campaign north of the Falls and over in the Indian territory. Among the party from our city we note Messrs. Frank Desmeth, ex-Marshall James L. McCall, Dr. A. S. Simmons and Mr. Samuel Finley of the Texas Express company. City Secretary Stuart Harrison, Dr. Barradall and Marshall Jim Courtwright of Fort Worth.

They will have two hacks, one mess-wagon and a light buggy for reconnoitering. We understand that they expect to be gone from two to three weeks. They will camp at Blue lake for a day or so to shoot blue-wing teal.

Senator Barnett Gibbs passed west to-day on the local passenger. He will probably stop at Colorado City.

In the county court to-day George Tumling of Springtown was tried for gaming. He attempted to prove that the place where he was gambling was a private house, but the jury seemed to think that there was too much gambling going on there to be called a private house and thought it would be better for him to deposit \$15 and costs in the county treasury.

Cotton is coming in lively and selling as high as 8¢.

Decision in a Civil Rights Case.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Judge Snell rendered to-day a decision in the civil

rights case of Emanuel Hulett, colored, against John Fowler, pursor of the Potomac river steamer, Jane Mosely. This was a suit brought under the criminal clause of the civil rights act for refusal to sell the plaintiff a supper ticket on a passage steamer plying between Washington and Norfolk. Judge Snell in rendering his decision said: "The burden of proof is on the government to show that Hulett was refused a ticket on account of his race, color, etc. The law has been declared unconstitutional so far as the states are concerned, but being in full force in the District of Columbia, I should have no hesitation in giving judgment against the defendant, but in this case the government has not maintained the issue and the defendant is discharged."

M'GREGOR.

Special to the Gazette.

M'GREGOR, TEX., Oct. 8.—Dr. F. W. Burger has sold his stock of drugs to Dr. J. W. Miller. We understand that the stock of drugs was exchanged for a farm near this town.

Miss Lucie Ransom, one of Fort Bend county's fairest and brightest young ladies, who has been visiting relatives in our town for the past four weeks, returned to her home at Sugar Land last Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Campbell is visiting Miss Florence King in Caldwell, Tex. Mrs. Tate, wife of Prof. Clarence Tate, was taken suddenly ill last Sunday night and fears were entertained for some time that she would not recover. We are glad to hear she is some better to-day.

Judge T. J. Lowe and wife of Gilmer passed through to-day, en route to Gatesville.

Mr. G. W. Aere, one of our merchants who has been confined to his room for some time on account of sickness, is able to be out again.

Miss Carrie Moore, who has been visiting Mrs. J. T. Chambers of our city for three weeks, returned to her home in Bremond Monday.

1892.

A World's Fair to Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of America.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 8.—At the convention of the international association of fairs and expositions, held in this city a few months ago, a proposition was adopted to hold a world's fair in 1892 in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

After discussion a resolution was adopted directing the appointment of a committee of thirteen to report a plan of organization and management of such fair. The committee was appointed and a quorum of it met at the fair grounds to-day and after considering the matter the committee adopted a general plan submitted by Morris R. Locke of Illinois. The plan contemplated a charter from the state in which the fair may be held, the management to be governed by a code of by-laws in harmony with the charter. It recommends St. Louis as the place best suited for holding said fair and provides for the appointment of a committee to memorialize congress for proper recognition, and such assistance as will insure the complete success of the enterprise. The plan was adopted. The report of the committee will be submitted to the next meeting of the association to be held in this city next December, when it will, no doubt, be adopted and the necessary machinery be put into operation for carrying out the project.

Marine Intelligence.

GALVESTON, TEX., Oct. 8.—Arrived: Steamship Marchioness, from Gibraltar; steamship I. C. Harris, from Morgan City. Sailed for Brazos: Steamship St. Mary, from Morgan City, and sailed for Indiana. Sailed: Steamship San Marcos, for New York; brig Dorothea, for Hamburg; schooner Jane Emson, for Mobile; schooner Lizzie Hyer, for Pensacola.

"Maud S." to Beat Her Record of 2:09 3-4.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Turf, Field and Farm says: Maud S. having made a half mile at Hartford in 1:03, the last quarter in 0:30, she will be driven Tuesday next, the weather permitting, to beat her record of 2:09 3-4. Jay-Eye-See and Phalys will be retired for the season.

A Match Game of Billiards.

GALVESTON, TEX., Oct. 8.—Harry Cole, a Tremont house billiardist, has arranged to leave the 16th for San Antonio to play a match game with Frank Maegoli of New Orleans 3000 points. \$500 a side, the game to take place the 24th, 25th and 26th, 1000 points each evening. Cole, in practice to-day, ran 600.

The Quaker City Will Be There.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 8.—L. Blodgett, who was yesterday appointed secretary of the association formed by the Philadelphia exhibitors at the New Orleans exposition, has located his headquarters in the mayor's office. He will send out a circular letter to over 300 leading manufacturers in the city, asking their co-operation in the movement to secure proper representation of the city's industries at the coming exposition.

The Catholic Union of Knights of St. John.

MONTREAL, P. Q., Oct. 8.—Bishop Fabre indorses the action of the reverend cure of Beauharnais in denouncing from the altar the establishment of the benevolent society entitled the Catholic Union of Knights of St. John. He holds that it touches upon secret organization, like Free Masonry. This expression of opinion on the part of the bishop has created a profound sensation among a certain class of politicians here, notably among the ultramontanists.

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THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Annual Report of President Green of the W. U. Telegraph Co.—Stove Molders Strike Ended.

The Federation of Trades and Labor Union Indorses Strikes and Passes Other Resolutions.

PROPOSITION TO REDUCE THE DIVIDEND.

WALL STREET, NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—At the Western Union meeting to-day a proposition will be made to the stockholders to reduce the dividends from 7 to 6 per cent. for the purpose of increasing the surplus to acquire other telegraph property when considered expedient.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.
NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—At the annual meeting of the Western Union Telegraph company to-day President Green presented his report for the year ending June 30, 1884, which had been approved by the executive committee. He said that

The capital stock is	\$80,000,000
The bonded debt	7,214,000
The sinking fund appropriation not yet used for the redemption of bonds	200,000
The statement of business for the year is as follows:	
Surplus July 1, 1883	\$3,658,000
Revenue for the year ended June 30, 1884	19,532,000
Expenses for the year ended June 30, 1884	15,022,000
Profits	4,400,000
Total cash on hand	10,488,000
From which was applied for dividends	5,599,000
Interest on bonds	472,000
Sinking fund appropriation	59,000
Total	\$6,110,000
The deduction of which leaves a surplus June 30, 1884, of \$4,135,000.	

THE STRIKE OFF.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 8.—The strike of the stove molders which occurred a month ago has been declared off. Those who can get work will return at a reduction of 10 per cent. The manufacturers have agreed to take the strike back, provided they make application as individuals, and not as members of the union.

THE WAGE-WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

THE MORNING SESSION.

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 8.—The federation of trades and labor unions continued in session this morning. A telegram from the New Jersey Eight-hour league urging the federation to consider the eight-hour question was read and a reply returned that decided action would be taken. The legislative committee made an extensive report in which it was contended that strikes, when based on justice and conducted with discretion, served a good end, although a beneficial result might not be immediately felt by those engaged in them. The strike statistics for the last four months numbered in the United States ninety-eight, affecting 53,000 employees; of these strikes five had been against reduction of wages and seven for increase of wages. The committee reported in connection with the eight-hour question that it had addressed the national committees of both the Republican and Democratic parties, but had received no responses. The committee believed it useless to wait for legislation, and the desired result was only to be obtained by thorough organization among the workmen. Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was almost entirely taken up with the presentation and discussion of resolutions for ameliorating the condition of labor. The session opened with the receipt of a telegram of greeting from the trade and labor union of New York, to which an appropriate response was made. The committee on resolutions made its report. The following are the most important resolutions presented: For the establishment of a law exchange in every important city to fill the place of intelligence officers and guard against the injustices practiced by the employment of agencies for unifying kindred trades, such as building trades in the city; to secure them against imported labor; for the enactment of the eight hour law on all government work and the abolition of contract labor in penitentiaries and reformatories; for the appointment of boards of arbitration by the state to decide between the employer and employed wherever a strike is threatened; the appointment of a committee of five on statistics of child labor, with a view to learning the best means for its

abolition; for the appointment of a guardian of apprentices in each county, whose duty it shall be to hear all complaints of apprentices, and if wrong is being done them to report the facts to the county judge, who will be given power to punish by imprisonment; for legislation giving county commissioners power to regulate all ventilated and filthy workshops; protesting against the president's neglect to appoint a commissioner of labor statistics under the law passed by the last congress. This caused considerable discussion, its opponents holding it ill advised, as congress would probably recommend a man for that position.

It was finally passed. Resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a state mine inspector; for putting into effect in all branches of labor the eight-hour law May 1, 1886, throughout the United States and Canada. This caused an extended discussion. The opponents made the point that it was too soon to pass such a resolution, because a majority of the laborers of the country were not members of any trades union and could not be relied on to stand by the government. When put to a test the resolution went through by a heavy majority. Adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE B. & O. DIRECTORS.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 8.—The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company was held to-day. Wm. F. Burns presided. The usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the main system and five per cent. on the Washington branch were declared, payable November 1, at the office of the treasurer. The board formally approved the rules and regulations of the pension feature of the Baltimore & Ohio Relief association and authorized an annual appropriation of \$22,500, being the interest on \$50,000, together with other previous donations of the company to the association and revenue otherwise derived. This makes ample provision for the retirement from active service of all the employees disabled by age or infirmities. The further official declaration was made in recognition of the merits of the association which, it is declared, has accomplished all the objects which it had in view when originally started.

THEY DEMAND AN INCREASE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 8.—The employees of Oliver Bros. & Phillips met this morning and decided not to return for less than \$1.25 per day. This is 12¢ more than the men received when the reduction of 12¢ per cent. was ordered.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED.

ALTOONA, Pa., Oct. 8.—The Mechanics' bank of this city closed its doors yesterday. No notice was posted on the doors but it is learned that the withdrawal of large sums precipitated the suspension. No statement of assets or liabilities can at present be ascertained. It is thought, however, that the concern will be able to pull through. The other banks here are solid and are ready to meet any anticipated run of small depositors.

DIVIDENDS TO BE REDUCED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Klernan agency states that at the next meeting of the directors of the Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad the dividends will be reduced from 8 to 6 per cent.

A Rumored Libel Suit Against the Post.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Oct. 8.—It is rumored that Mr. J. L. Watson, a former employe of the Post newspaper, has sued the concern for libel, laying his damages at \$25,000. The suit is based upon a paragraph published in the Post last Tuesday morning reflecting severely upon the honesty of Mr. Watson, which he claims was wholly false and malicious. The paragraph was written by Tobias Mitchell, the ostensible manager of the paper, who was imported from the North about a year ago.

Mr. Watson has lived in Houston several years, during which time he has been identified with the newspapers of the city and has depicted himself as an honest and straightforward gentleman, and by his upright conduct won many friends.

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